# Selected Miscellann.

### MRS. STRETTON'S FRIEND.

MR. STRETTON looked down into his young wife's face.
"You are such a generous little darling
Lily, there is no getting you to see faults

Oh! Gilbert, it is not that," She held up her sweet mouth to kiss him, standing almost on tiptoe. "I find plenty of fault with other people—only not with Giulia. Ah! if you only knew her as I do—she is so loving, so fond; but you will find out her goodness in time; you can't help it, for you will let me have her here often; won't

you, darling?"
But though Mrs. Stretton's brown eyes
were very tender as she spoke, her husband said "Yes," against his will. He
could not help it, but he had taken a great dislike, at first sight, to his wife's beauti-

He and Lilian had scarcely been mar-ried a month; they had just decided to spend some weeks longer in the charming Neapolitan villa they now inhabited, and only that very morning, while they still lingered over their late breakfast, the Marchesa di Riveredo had been announced, and Gilbert Stretton had seen his wife rise impetuously, and throw her arms

around the lady who entered.

And then Mr. Stretton remembered to have heard of a Signora Larini and her daughter, who had spent six years of exile in England. The daughter had been Lilian's dearest friend, and after her return to Italy had corresponded with her till she married an Italian nobleman much

But the Marchesa was a widow now. She was living on one of her estates, a few miles from Naples, and had just learned that a Mr. and Mrs. Stretton were residing at the Villa Burcano. She had heard of Lilian's marriage, and she had come to

claim a revival of friendship.

Lilian was full of delight; she could talk of nothing but Giulia.

"She is more beautiful than ever, and her manners are perfect; so soft, and yet sometimes so full of charming naicete. I

really am so happy I don't know what t do," said the young girl to herself.

Lilian had never seen Italy till now; all was new and delightful. The weather had been glorious; a deep blue sky reflected its own depth of color into the broad expanse of sea. From the verandah in which she sat, festooned with grape and fig vines, she could follow the windings of the coast, dotted with white villas, here and there groups of cottages clustering together, in front of them brown-limbed, half-clothed

children at play.
"I thought yesterday it was impossible to be happier when I sat here with Gilbert; and yet it seems as if Giulia's return to me had made life still brighter.' Gilbert Stretton listened quietly to his wife's raptures; but that night after she left him, he lingered out in the verandah,

asked himself what could have given him this strong repugnance to Lilian's friend. She was very beautiful, tall and stately, with the fully-developed form of a true Roman woman: her cameo like head was magnificently set, and crowned wih mas-sive coils of shining black hair; her complexion had that wonderful mate white-ness one seldom sees in English women, and her eyes were marvelous. There was thought in them, an almost regal dignity but, overmastering these expressions there was a depth of passion that had at

tracted Mr. Stretton's attention.
"I hate vehement women," he said to
himself, as he watched the reflection of the moon on the water, broken by each rippling wavelet; "they are always restsure to tyrannize over a sweet, gentle creature like Lilian; besides I don't want any one to come between me and my dar-ling. Why do we stay here away from other?" He went on smoking his cigar ; he had given two reasons for his dislike, but he had not given the true one. He would have called himself a coxcomb for owning it. In his heart, Gilbert Stretton had shrunk from the intense, unfeigned admiration the Marchesa's first glance at him had expressed.

Weeks passed on, and still the fine hol-liday weather lasted. The Marchesa drove over more than once a week to see her friend: but, although the journey was fatiguing, she invariably refused Lilian's invitations to stay at the villa.
"I do believe, Gilbert, it is because you

never join in inviting her," Lilian said half And the next time she came he strug gled against his disin lination, and second

ed Lilian's invitation. Madame di Riveredo accepted at once

very graciously, and she arrived next day at the Villa Burcano.

In the evening the Marchesa had gone to her room and Stretton and his wife were sitting in the verandah of the sala, "There is no limit to happiness, I see," said Mrs Stretton. She tried to look very wise as she spoke, but irresistible delight peeped out of her soft brown eyes. "Do you know, Gilbert,"—she clasped both hands round his arm—"that I can hardly contain myself when I watch you and see now the truth of what I have always said about her—she only wants a little love and kindness, and she is ready to give her whole heart in return." But I don't want her whole heart."

"No, because you have got a silly little wife to love you. But, think of poor Giulia, left alone in the world: do you know, darling, that she has not one near relation, except some old tiger of an uncle "She has your love, Lilian, and that is

enough to content any man or woman either."

He bent down his head to hers.

Neither of them heard the window above
them close; if they had heard it, they
must have remembered that the Marchesa's bed-room overlooked the same pros-

Next morning brought letters "Don't you think letters are very tire-some things, Giulia? If there is any-thing horrible in this world it is the having to write a letter-I never know what to say or how to say it."

The Marchess smiled—she had such an

exquisite smile, a mixture of melancholy and brightness.
"You are maligning yourself, as usual,

dear child. You must once surely have found a pleasure in answering letters?" And she glanced slightly at Lilian's hus-

"Ah! no, you are quite mistaken; is she not, Gilbert? One of the great charms of our engagement was that we saw each other so often. There was no time for correspondence; and as we are never, never going to be separated, we shall probably not exchange a love-leiter

Giulia smiled again, but she looked incredulous. Gilbert Stretton had heard his wife's last words, and he pushed an open letter

"I don't know what you will say,
Lilian. Fergus Mackenzie tells me he has
given up his plan of coming to us here.
He leaves Rome to morrow, and unless I
meet him there I have no chance of see-

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ing him before he starts for New Zealand. In his state of health, I feel that this parting may be f final one "
"But I could go too? Oh, no! I see that would be useless. But, Gilbert, dear, you would not be away long?"
"But starting at ones—that is to say in

"By starting at once—that is to say in two hours time, I might be here again by

two hours time, I might be here again by evening the day after to morrow; but I will not go if you dislike to be left alone here, Lilian."

"Alone? you forget I shall have Giulia. Oh, no! I would not have you disappoint poor Mr. Mackenzle for the world—such friends as you have been. I will go and tell Benson about your things."

Mrs. Stretton ran away up stairs, and then the Marchesa, with a bright glow on her usually pale cheeks, turned to Gilbert and told him, with a warmth be felt he little deserved, how rejoiced she should be to watch over his Lilian during his ab be to watch over his Lilian during his ab-

sence. "She is all I have to love me now," said the musical, thrilling voice, and those dark velvet eyes were raised to his with a timid and beseeching carnestness that touched him strangely. It was as if she had know his doubts and dislike and strove to deprecate both.

He thanked her heartily with a warmth of manner that plainly touched her, for he saw tears in the bright, beautiful eyes as he ended. His preparations were soon made. He said good-bye to the Marchesa, and meet-

ing again that same wistful, half-assured look by a sudden impulse he raised her hand to his lips. He would have been sorry for yielding

around the lady who entered.
"It is Giulia, Gilbert; my own darling
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It is as he hurried out of the room where Lilian stood waiting for him.
"You need not mind leaving me a bit, my own! You know I have never had a sister or brother, and now that I have lost

papa, and have none of my own people left, Giulia seems quite a mother and sister too. Do you know darling that if any-thing ever happened to me, I should like her to manage everything just like a sister would?" He stopped her mouth with kisses. was very hard to leave her; now it came to the point, he hardly found courage.

"I will not ask you to write, my Lily, my precious wife! You shall hear of my safe arrival, and you will see me again

t is scarcely a day and a half since he went away. The last words were spoken wearily,

thoughtful. Lilian did not look toward the Marchesa -she did not see the crimson flush over-spread her face for a moment and then

eave it more colorless than it had been, Before her silence could be remarked, Giuia was answering her friend: "You must forgive me, my dear child, if I have seemed dull; my spirits, since my mother's death, are very unequal. It com-forts me that my sadness has not infected Ah! that is the best of you English; either you do not feel as we southern woand, while he watched the moonlight, he

pen for her friend's comprehension.

Mrs. Stretton looked up at her, sorrow-

"Have I been gay? I did not know it. My heart has not been gay, Giulia. But, where is the use of trying to be duller, and get along, pale face by the time he comes home? Come along, Carlo," and comes home? Come along, Carlo," and she ran down the steps of the verandah,

followed by her little greyhound.
"I am too much vexed with Giulia to stay with her. How little she understands me! Oh! my darling, my darling! how can she say I am happy, when my heart is almost breaking for want of you? If I had known it would have been so hard to

bear I believe I could not have let you go."

She had tried to bear up against what she had told herself was a childish foreboding; but now, when she reached the stone garden-seat, where Gilbert had

o often sat beside her, she burst into passionate weeping.

A huge evergreen eak overshadowed her, and the Italian lady could not witness an agitation which might have checked

her scorn. She stood still, just as Lilian had left her, except that she seemed to dilate with the vehemence she had now no cause to

and fade as a flower fades when the sun cannot reach it. Love! it sickens me to

head, and walked up and down the room
—up and down, pacing the whole length
with the firm elastic tread of the women of her country.

that she felt tired, and begged Mrs. Stretton to excuse her absence.

Lilian reproached herself, and a sweet

any one, it is always soon over if I am left alone. If I had staid in doors just then, Giulia and I should have quarreled." Giulia and I should have quarreled."

She went up stairs to bed, followed by her maid, an Italian recommended her by

Marchesa. The tender little heart was very heavy at the thought of the miles that lay between her and Gilbert; but to-morrow, a letter must come in the morning, and, perhaps, he might come back in the evening.
"It is strange that this sounds so impos-

sible while I say it—strange and silly, too—that I cannot believe he is coming back. I knew I was not clever, but I did not fan-cy I could be such a little goose as this. Why, other women's husbands go away often and they think nothing of it. I believe Gilbert would be almost angry if he

The anxious little heart fought bravely against the strange, sombre presentiments of evil that had been slowly gathering strength all day. She tried to sleep, but she awakened again, terrified by some shadowy dream, the full meaning of which she had not been able to grasp. That it had been alarming, her beating heart and ague-like terror revealed. Morning found her pale and unrefreshed; but she rose early—she wanted to be down stairs when

ing Lilian with her eyes as she went down to a terrace at the bottom of the gar-

PERRYSBURG, WOOD CO., OHIO, FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 1869. then, wrapping a shawl around her head,

walked carclesely toward the road that led to Naples. She had not far to go. Coming to a sudden turn in the road, she found herself face to face with a man with a leather pouch at his waist. The Marand she stretched out her hand. The man begitated.

There is but one letter and—."
Give it to me: I have come to fetch it for the Signora Stretton.' She kept her hand outstretched, and her eyes fixed on the man's face. He delayed an instant or two longer, but the will in an Indian.
those bright, steadfast eyes compelled his At first l

bag, and gave it her. This is the only letter for Villa Burcano! You are not going there?"

The man shook his head and seemed in-

clined to return to Naples. Giulia stood in his way. "Did the Signor Stretton, the padrone the Villa Burcano, order, then, that all his letters should be sent on to the villa?"
"Si—si—Signora." The man spoke imtiently; he was in a hurry to be gone.
"Well, then"—the Marchesa paused, pressing the letter tightly between her slender fingers—"the padrona does not wish them sent until further orders. If

Naples to fetch them."

The man nodded, and turned on his steps. He was glad to be released—glad also that he should not have to toil along the hot, dusty road to morrow. Giulia stood still, with the letter in her hand. She looked around her, The road was very lonely at this spot; high banks on each side shut out distant objects-it was impossible that the courier's ap-

proach could have been seen from the

she wants them, a servant will go into

Up to this moment no defined purpose ad developed itself from the tumult of jealous anger that raged in Giulia's heart, but the touch of the letter suggested one. Wild and impracticable it seemed at first, but the vehement nature welcomed the difficulties she foresaw for the excitement, and perhaps joy, their mastery promised. She looked down again at the letter, and then deliberately removed the seal. As she read the contents, the troubled look which had clouded her face ever since Gilbert's departure vanished, and in its place the torn pieces, and replaced them in the

It is just a week since Lilian passed that and the fair young face was sad and sleepless night at the Villa Burcano-and still Mr. Stretton has not returned. He is on his way home now, and he hopes to reach the villa late in the evening. He had told Lillan not to write; for when he found himself obliged to go to Marseilles with Mr. Mackenzie, instead of at once returning home, he knew his movements would be uncertain, but since he had part-ed from his friend, the hours passed very heavily, and he had repented his prohibi-

you, Lilian. I could not have hoped to see you so gay in your husband's absence.

Ah! that is the best of you English; either you do not feel as we southern women do, or you have a strange power of men do, or you have a strange power of controlling affection."

"I might have given dates and places at a venture," he said, "but then she does so dislike the trouble of writing. Nearly ten days since I saw her! I wish Mackenzie had not delayed his starting so long. I Gilbert Stretton was her all now, of life, am not sure that I ought to have left the or country, or creed.

At any other time Giulia spy that he had joined the Garibaidians, would have been deeply interested. She detected the Liberal movement, and would have been deeply interested. She detected the Liberal movement, and would have been deeply interested. She detected the Liberal movement, and would have been deeply interested. She detected the Liberal movement, and would have been deeply interested. She detected the Liberal movement, and would have been deeply interested. She detected the Liberal movement, and would have been deeply interested. She detected the Liberal movement, and would have been deeply interested. She detected the Liberal movement, and would have been deeply interested. She detected the Liberal movement, and would have been deeply interested. She detected the Liberal movement, and would have been deeply interested. She detected the Liberal movement, and when Lilian asked to see the messendary beautiful to the deep deep deeply interested. She detected the Liberal movement, and would have been deeply interested. She detected the Liberal movement, and would have been deeply interested. She detected the Liberal movement, and would have been deeply interested. She detected the Liberal movement, and would have been deeply interested. She detected the Liberal movement, and would have been deeply interested. She deeply and the deeply interested the Liberal movement, and would have been deeply interested. She detected the Liberal movement, an dear child alone with those lazy Italian She fixed her dark, bright eyes on Mrs.

Stretton; she was trying to read her true feelings, but Lilian's frank nature was too open for her friend's comprehension.

Mrs. Stretton looked up at her, sorrow
dd. I may be fanciful, but I don't like the woman's eyes; however, Lilian has had her dear Gulia"

ly to the house.

Mr. Stretton called on him to stop; ke did not want Lilian to be made aware

of his approach; the boy only ran away faster, and was out of sight in an instant. But Stretton was thinking too much of his wife to be angry with the boy. He sprang up the steps. There was no one at the entrance—no one in the sale as he aprang up the steps. pushed the door open; but in the veran-

passion beamed out of the liquid eves; and warned him to prepare for sorrow.

came in. The Marchesa was not in the sense of keen physical pain, his memory that she felt tired and her, and was told repeated one word—the research that she felt tired and her and was told repeated one word—the research that she felt tired and her and was told repeated one word—the research that she felt tired and her and

robbed him of consciousness.

Dead—lost to him—his Lilian, so full of Lillan reproached hersen, and a second penitent expression came into her eyes as the looked sternly in the sorrowing eyes she stood hesitating whether she should go still bent on him.

"Tell me it all again—when it happen-

and seek her friend.

"Never mind; I will make it up to her ed, and how."

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Lilian had seemed well and bright at first—had even tessed her friend for being dull: but suddenly she had complained of headache; violent fever had come on rapidly; the Marchesa had sent for her own physician, but he, alas! was away from home when the messenger arrived, and before another doctor could reach the villa the sufferer had sunk under the violence of the disease.

The servants had taken fright, and all

except the maid who had waited on Mrs. Stretton, and helped Giulia to nurse her, had departed one after another, preferring to yield up their wages rather than run Stretton listened with a frowning face his hands grasping the sofa cushions as if they offered some power of resistance. He could not submit to this terrible grief.

Why was his life to be turned into night

at the very daybreak of happiness?"
"When? You have not said when?" He spoke with an air of sullen doubt. The sweet, angel-like compassion in her eyes rebuked him; but he did not feel sorry. What was any suffering he might ague-like terror revealed. Morning found her pale and unrefreshed; but ahe rose early—she wanted to be down stairs when the letters arrived. The Marchesa was not in the sale, and the fragrant morning air came in refreshingly at the open windows.

"I shall get rid of my headache in the open air," said Lillian, "and be in again long before the letter comes."

She had hardly passed down the vernandah steps when the Marchesa appeared. She walked up to the window, following Lillian with her eyes as she went down to a terrace at the bottom of the gar-

Days passed on, and still Gilbert Stret. He did not known how to answer her. He reproached himself now for the miston stayed at the Vills Burcano, and the Marchesa stayed there too. She told her and as he looked down on this exquisite his Transcard Address which he are for chesa signed to him to stop, and the man obeyed, bowing low to the stately lady.

"You have letters for the padrons?" besides, she had filled the places of his ment he asked himself if it would be im-

seemed like home to her.

In the depths of her heart she knew that her only home now was beside Gil-bert Stretton. Among her Italian friends approaching, coming nearer and nearer she was called cold, baughty, indifferent; to him she was as humble and devoted as

At first he seemed to shrink from her acquiescence. He drew a letter out of his bag, and gave it her.

> "There is nothing really the matter with me," he said.

> She looked at him earnestly:
> "My friend, if you saw your changed face with my eyes you would let me send The thrill in her voice attracted him he saw that her eyes were full of tears. Once more he took the slender, white fingers in his own and put them to his lips,

trembling in his, without an effort to with-You are too anxious about me,' "worse than I am. I am infecting you with my sadness."

He looked up smiling. There met him in the dark eyes bending over his couch a passionate glance of love, and the strange, chill foreboding returned which his first meeting with the Marchesa He let Giulia's hand fall, had created. and pressed his own to his eyes.

The Marchesa moved away, and it seemed to Stretton that his coldness had seemed to Stretton that his coldness had pained her. How devoted her care of him for Lilian was too full of happiness to

surpassed it. Raising himself on his cloow, he looked round at her. Yes, she was going out of the sala, her queenly head bent, an indefinable expression of humiliation, at least ao he thought, in her whole figure. He felt a keen pang of self-reproach. If during his illness this Italian had learned to "Giulia, I don't know what has come to you; one would think Gilbert was your husband and you moped for him. I believe you are tired of being alone with me, and cast it from her; then she suddenly kissed that the temperament of Southern women were not to be judged by those of their English sisters; he ought to show her all the more tender consideration because he had no love to offer. In a few days he should leave Naples forever; why sho not this short time be made happy to this woman, who had done so much for him?

And meantime, while a month had passed since Lilian's death, and while Gilbert Stretton had been lingering, broken spirited and unnerved, at the Villa Burcano, all around him had been in a state d from his friend, the hours passed very cavily, and he had repented his prohibition.

of ferment. A rising was expected daily, and all sorts of unoffending travelers were constantly brought into Naples as Garibaldian spies. At any other time Giulia

He did not stay in Naples, except to change horses; it seemed strange to him that, as he drew nearer the villa, he became more nervous and anxious. However, he was very close to home now. A few minutes more, and he should be looking into Lillan's sweet brown eyes again.

"I will give her a surprise," said Mr. Stretton to himself. He stopped the carriage and dismissed it, then he went on rapidly on foot to the villa.

The great gates were opened, as if he were expected; as he passed through them rapidly on foot to the villa.

The great gates were opened, as if he were expected; as he passed through them were expected; as he passed through them he to one of the towns nearer Rome. She her to one of the Euperior of the religion of fever, and frightened the ignorant of fever and fever he saw a boy, whom he recognized as one friend of the Superior of the religious house to which her guide led her, and ous house to which her guide led her, and she soon arranged to stay there till she could rounded by her own dependents, it was learn definitely where her husband might be found. But within these quiet walls mock funeral and burial. news came long after it was known elsewhere, and before any public rumor of open strife had reached the convent, a friendly letter had told her husband's fate. friendly letter had told her husband's fate.

Now prostrate before a crucifix in her plain, whitewashed room, her eyes streaming with the tears caused by the company.

restrain.

"And he thinks himself beloved, and he is content with a heart like this! It is impossible; or, if he seems to be content, it is because he knows no better. His soul has never been awakened to ardor by a passion which would lose its life in his. Love! if she loved him she would droop and fade as a flower fades when the sun with the same uncontrollable violence;

she rose up from her knees and stood hear her name him!"

She clasped both hands over her forehead, and walked up and down the room—up and down, pacing the whole length with the firm clastic tread of the women of the firm class the firm c anxious eyes.

Slowly, but with the sureness with now. I will wait a little, till these tidings can be confirmed by some outward proof—
and then—well, if I am alive then," and
sobs burst forth unrestrainedly, "I will
ask the Superior to admit me into the sisthe time when it is most wanted, particularthe time when it is most wanted, particular-

It was just such an evening as that on which we last saw Gilbert Stretton. The light was not quite the same: the foliage of the clinging vines had changed to glorious tints of orange and crimson, The Marchesa repeated the sad story burnished now into almost metallic radii. burnished now into almost metallic radiance as the late intense sunlight touched them; in all ways the year was some weeks older, but to Marchesa it seemed as if time had gone back. She looked years younger; her beauty had lost the statused uesque paleness that it had possessed on her visit to the Villa Burcano; life and love danced in every look and movement.

She had been sitting in the armondal property with the same or boxes are worn out; his business is to get to put in new ones, not to make yours go well. But if he has made the carriage, our life on it, he screws them up tight enough then, and will put the screws on the purchaser, too, pretty well, as to price. The latter part of the business does not affect the horse, but the former does terribly. One turn of the wrench too far makes a carriage as the had been at the put in new ones, not to make yours go well. But if he has made the control of the purchaser, too, pretty well, as to price. The latter part of the business does not affect the horse, but the former does terribly. One turn of the wrench too far makes a carriage are worn out; his business is to get to put in new ones, not to make yours go well. But if he has made the on the purchaser, too, pretty well, as to price. The latter part of the business does not affect the horse, but the screws them up tight enough then, and will put the screws on the purchaser, too, pretty well, as to purchaser, too, pretty well, as love danced in every look and movement.

She had been sitting in the verandah, is waiting for Gilbert. He always sat there with her in the evening, and ahe had noticed joyfully that for more than a week he had not spoken of Lilian. She could

"Going to England!" Had she heard him rightly? She pushed back her hair with both hands and gazed strainingly at him as if she would reach the truth. Something of consciousness in his face puzzled her. "Ah!" and the sudden thought came, "he is trying me—he is not sure of my love;" and with the thought, the horrible agony of losing him from any mistake—any want of openness between them—the life blood went scorching through her veins like lava.
"To England!—to leave me—oh! Mr.

Stretton! Gilbert-you could not be so She had thrown herself on her knees before he could restrain hor, her beautiful arms, from which the muslin sleeves fell

would not listen; she only repeated, her hands now holding his, that if he left her

as President of the United States at noon

runaway servants with her own, so that it seemed like home to her. | possible to return, in some measure, the love she had betrayed for him. And yet it was a relief to be prevented from answering, to hear quick so near now that Giulia was forced to ac-

knowledge their presence, and to rise to taken this oath without mental reserva-her feet. the determination to do, to As she arose she face I the garden, inter- the best of my shility, all that is required posing herself between Stretton and the front of the verandah. She saw several persons coming up from the water terrace and something irresistible seemed to fasci commence its duties untrammeled.

rest to stop and then turn round hastily The light was fading every instant; but this figure-a woman-reached the foot of the steps, her face was raised toward the verandah and Giulia recognized it.

For an instant the Marchesa looked round desperately, as we do in danger for a weapon to rid us of something whose presence we fear; then she swiftly passed Gilbert and was out of the sala before he had aroused from the surprise her strange change of manner had caused him. But when he roused, it was not to think of Giulia. He heard his name called in a voice that quivered through him with a joyful terror, for it was Lillan's ! and then, when she had called his name twice or

thrice, so as to assure him of her presence, Lilian's arms were round his neck, Lilian's lips-were pressed to his, and he held her -no impalpable vision of his imagination, but warm with love and hope and thrilling

with happiness—a real Lilian in his arms!
It took some time to make Gilbert underhad been Lilian even could scarcely have vouchsafe any coherent explanation of her sudden appearance; but little by little, and with the assistance of the friends who had ompanied her, he learned all. How just a week ago, on the very day when Lilian had at length resolved to make her request to be received as a probationer to Superior of the Milanese convent, she had been summoned to the parlor to see visitors. These were two English ladies, her sant and her cousin, who had recog-nized her at vespers in the convent chapel on the previous evening. From them Luian learned the story of her own sup-posed death, and, to her unspeakable smazement, read her husband's reply to

> full week after that of the Marchesa announcing his tragical fate. Fortunately, her aunt was a clever, en ergetic woman, and she at once suspected the Marchesa, and decided on seeking Mr. Stretton at the Villa Burcano. Mr. Stretton at the Villa Burcano.
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> It was difficult to convince Lilian of her friend's treachery. On the morning when the Marchesa returned to the villa, after destroying Mr. Stretton's letter, she told his wife that he had sent news by a spy that he had joined the Garibaldians, and when Lilian acked it saw the many control of the co

her aunt's letter of condolence,

His softened manner, the tenderness of his thanks, fed her hopes every hour; she was becoming intoxicated with her approaching joy, for she had not thought he story the story of the story would so soon forget Lilian—and surely he had almost forgotten her.

But the rising was coming—it was close standshot; the only chance of escape both for

"I will never have likes or dislikes that

band as well as my friend."
"God forbid!" Gilbert Stretton shuddered, even while he held his wife close to his heart, at the thought of the beautiful fiend from whom he had escaped. The Marchesa never reappeared in Naples; she sold her place, dismissed her servants, and went away, it was said, to a grim castle among the Apenines, where her father's brother lived in a solitude more suited to a monk than a nobleman

# Tricks of Trade.

THE want of proper attention to both greasing or oiling wheels, and afterwards the way they are put on, is often a sad in-crease of labor to a horse. A man might think, if his carriage had just come from a coach-maker's, any care in this particuly if he made it; if he did not, and it only went for some repairs, and he was desired in point of following; so, to make certain a pair of axles shall run still to the credit f the maker, horses are often half-killed with her in the evening, and she had noticed joyfully that for more than a week he had not spoken of Lilian. She could hear her heart beating as he came through the entrance into the sais which ran along the back of the house. I have said before that it fronted the garden and the terrace overhanging the shore.

Mr. Stretton's step sounded less weary than usual, and Giulia saw almost the old light in his eyes.

She had looked in his face with a warm or want of judgment. Neither men nor want of judgment. Neither men nor light in his eyes.

She had looked in his face with a warm welcome glowing in her own; but his first words stupefied her—seemed to make her heart stand still with sudden terror.

"Going to England!" Had she heard want of attention and want of considerations. tion are the welter-weights that kill !-Prairie Farmer.

able boarding house thought he had no sufficient bolstering for his head, and ac cordingly carried the pillows down to the iandiady's room, who inquired what he desired. The gentleman wanted to know what the articles were he held in his hands. "Pillows, you impudent fellow screamed the enraged woman. "Oh! thought they were pin cushions!" replie the disconsolate boarder.

Brussels. A young woman, slightly de-ranged, poisoned herself by eating the back, raised toward him.

He bent over her, and tried to raise her and soothe her; but she would not rise, matches.

ranged, poisoned herself by eating the phosphorus on \* large number of lucifer matches.

"I will only ask you to take me where she lies. I want no comfort from any living creature."

The did not known how to answer her in the president Grant took the oath of office ity in the administration of your rule, and his Inaugural Address, which is as fol-

lows: INAUGURAL ADDRESS. Citizens of the United States:

Your suffrages having elevated me to the office of President of the United States, I have, in conformity with the Constitution of our country, taken the oath of office provided therein. I have of me. The responsibilities of the posi-tion I feel, but accept them without fear weakness increased every day.

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Saw one small, slight figure sign to the saw one small, slight figure sign to the termination to fill it to the best of my ability, and to the satisfaction of the

On all leading questions agitating the public mind, I will always express my views to Congress, and urge the ing to my judgment, and when I think it advisable I will exercise the constitutional privilege of interposing a veto to defeat measures which I oppose; but all laws will be faithfully executed, whether they meet my approval or not. I shall on all subjects have a policy to recommend, none to enforce against the will of the people; laws are to govern all alike, those oppose to, as well as those who favor them. know no method to secure the repeal of bad or obnoxious laws so effective as their

stringent execution. The country having just emerged from a great rebellion, many questions will come before it for settlement in the next four years which the preceding Adminis-trations have never had to deal with. In meeting these it is desirable that they should be approached calmly, without prejudice, bate or sectional pride, remembering that the greatest good to the greatest number is the object to be attained. This requires security of person and property, and toleattion for religious and political opinion in every part of our common coun-

try, without regard to local prejudice. Laws to secure these will receive my best efforts for their enforcement. A great debt has been contracted in securing to us and our posterity the Union. The payment of this, principal and inerest, as well as the return to a specie basis, as soon as it can be accomplished without material detriment to the debtor

class or to the country at large, must be

We must protect the national honor, Every dollar of the Government indebted ness should be paid in gold, unless other-wise expressly stipulated in the contract. Let it be understood that no repudiator of one farthing of our public debt will be trusted in public place, and it will go far toward strengthening a credit which ought to be the best in the world, and will, ultimately, enable us to replace the debt with bonds bearing less interest than we countability to the Treasury for every dollar collected, and the greatest practicable retrenchment in expenditure in every Department of the Government. When we compare the partner of the greatest practicable retrenchment of the Government. When we compare the partner of the greatest practicable retreates the partner of the greatest practicable retreates the partner of the greatest practical process. now pay. To this should be added a faithwe compare the paying capacity of the broken, and some of us may live to see country now, with ten States still in pov erty, from the effects of war, but soon to emerge, I trust, into greater prosperity than ever before, with its paying capacity twenty-five years ago, and calculate what it will be tweaty-five years hence, who can doubt the feasibility of paying every dollar then with more case than we now erty, from the effects of war, but soon to

bestowed upon us the strong box—the precious metals locked up in the sterile mountains of the far West, which we are mountains of the far West, which we are now forging the key to unlock—to meet the very contingency that is now upon us. Ultimately it may be necessary to increase the facilities to reach these riches, and it may be necessary, also, that the General Government should give its aid to secure this access, but that should only be responsible duties of the last six years, when a dollar of obligation to pay secures I have endeavored to administer the rules.

precisely the same sort of dollar to use now, and not before. While the question of specie payment while the question of specie payment is in abeyance, the prudent business man is careful about contracting debts payable in the distant future. The nation should follow the same rule. A prostrate commerce is to be rebuilt andiall industries encouraged. The young men of the country—those who, from their age, must be its rulers twenty-five years hence—have a pe couraged. The young men of the country
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rulers twenty five years hence—have a pe
culiar interest in maintaining the national
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honor. A moment's reflection as to wh they are only true to themselves, should inspire them with national pride. All di-visions, geographical, political and re-ligious, can join in this common senti-

ment. How the public debt is to be paid, or How the public debt is to be passed, specie payment resumed, is not so important as that a plan should be adopted ed in all the years of the past, having earnessed in A united determination of the past, having earnessed in A united determination of the properties of the past, having earnessed in A united determination of the past, having earnessed in A united determination of the properties of the past, having earnessed in A united determination of the past, having earnessed in the past, having portant as that a plan should be subjected in A united determination to do, is worth more than divided which commands us to write our enmittes in sand, but to engrave our friendships on Rut the last word cannot longer islation upon the subject may not be necessary now, or even advisable, but it will be when the civil law is more fully and confiding constituency whose affected in all parts of the country, and tionate regard sustained and encompassed

rade resumes its wonted channel.

It will be my endeavor to execute all laws in good faith, collect all revenues as-sessed, and to have them properly ac-counted for and economically disbursed. I shall, to the best of my ability, appoint to office those only who will carry out with sincere gratitude for the generous

this design. In regard to foreign policy, I would deal with nations equitably, as the law re-quires individuals to deal with each other, health, happiness and prosperity, one and and I would protect a law-abiding citizen, all, I bid you farewell. whether of native or foreign birth, wher ever his rights are jeopardized or the flag of our country floats. I would respect the rights of all nations, demanding equal respect for our own. If others depart from

The question of suffrage is one which is excluded from its privileges in any State. It seems to me very desirable that this question should be settled now. I entertain the hope, and express the desire, that it may be by the ratification of the

\$2.00 IN ADVANCE. earnestly desiring to co-operate with you, in making the deliberations of the Senate

# SPEAKER COLFAX'S VALEDICTORY.

In resigning the office of Speaker of the five tousand tollars. You not fool Schmidt House of Representatives, on the 3d, Mr. Colfax spoke as follows:

Gentlemen: The opening of the legis-lative day, at the close of which I must enter upon another sphere of duty, requires me to tender to you this resignation of the office which, by your kindness and confidence, I have held, to take effect on the election of a Speaker for the brief re-mainder of this session. The parting A Nawront (R. I.) firm made \$150,000 word among friends about to sepa always a regretful one, but the farewell which takes me from this Hall, in which so many years have been spent, excites in me emotions which it would be useless to attempt to conceal. The fourteen years during which I have been associated with the representatives of the people here, have been full of eventful legislation, of exciting issues, and of grave decision vitally affecting the entire Republic. these with the accompanying scenes, which so often reproduced in this arena of debate, the warm h of feeling of our autagonizing constituencies, have passed into the do-main of history, and I but refer to them te express the joy which spparently is shared by the masses of our countrymen, that the storm-cloud of war which has so ong darkened our national horizon has at last passed away, leaving our imperiled Union saved, and that by the decree of our people, more powerful than Presidents, Congress or armics, liberty claimed throughout the land to all the in-habitants thereof. But I cannot leave you without one word of rejoicing over the present condition of our Republic among the nations of the earth. With our mili tary power and almost illimitable resources, exemplified by the war that de veloped them, with our rapidly aug-menting population, and the welcome at our gates of the oppressed of all other climes; with our vast and increas-

ing sgricultural, mechanicsi, manufacturing and mining espacities; with our vantage on the two great oceans of the globe, and our almost completed Pacific Railroad uniting these op posite shores, and becoming the great high way, the United States of America commands that respect among the powers of the world, which insures the maintenance of all its citizens from oppression or injustice abroad. Nor is this all. The triumphal progress of free institutions here has had its potential influence beyond the sea. The right of the people to govern based on the sacred principle of our revolution, that all governments deleting either into the secret of the other's rive their just powers from the consent of existence. the governed, is everywhere advancing, example, fetters may everywhere be which goes to support the clergy. it will be twenty five years nence, who can doubt the feasibility of paying every dollar then with more case than we now dollar then with more case than we now wisest in action or word, for none of us are infallible, but I have striven to are infallible. glory of our country have always been paramount above mere party ties, I can conscientiously assert. That I have sought perities which the collisions of opposing parties so often evoked must be left to my fellow members to verify. In the responsible duties of the last six years, you enacted for your guidance, both in letter and spirit, with an impartiality uninfluenced by political antagonism; and I tect all members in their rights, to advance the progress of business, and to preserve order, any word has fallen used in velocipedes, have appeared, and

from my lips that has unjustly wounded any one, I desire to withdraw it unreservedly. I leave this room with no feeling of unkindness to any member with whom I have been associating the recent death of the three-year of planist of that city, says: "The head of this granite. But the last word cannot longer be delayed. I bid farewell to the faithful me through all the years of my public life. Farewell to the hall which, in its excitements and restless activities, so often seemed to represent the throbbings and intense feelings of the national heart. And finally, fellow-members and friends, support you have always given me in the difficult and complex duties of the chair,

# The Dutchman's Insurance Policy. A good story is told of a German by the

name of Schmidt, who had taken the prethis rule in their dealings with us we may be compelled to follow their precedent.

The proper treatment of the original octor of the stable for \$900, believing the former might die and the latter be The proper treatment of the original occupants of this land—the Indians—is one deserving care and equal study, and I will favor any course towards them which tends to their civilization, Christianization and ultimate citizenship. policies had been taken from the same and's Monthly;
agent. In a few months after the stable had been insured it caught fire and was destroyed. Schmidt quietly notified the fore he had made his impersonation faagent, and hinted to him that he would expect the nine hundred dollars at the earliest possible moment. The agent at once sent a builder to ascertain the cost of erecting a new stable of the agent dimer. likely to agitate the public so long as a agent, and hinted to him that he would portion of the citizens of the nation are expect the nine hundred dollars at the erecting a new stable, of the same dimensions, having learned that the property had been insured for more than it was worth. The builder reported that he could replace the stable with new material drove the poor fellow out of the office

and expressed surprise that he should talk bringing suit against them.
"But," said Schmidt, "I inshure for nine hundred tollar, and dis feller put up dem shtable for seven hundred and finy

-I not undershtand the insurance busi-Finding that he could not compel the payment by law, Schmidt deterrated to go out of the "inshurance business" al-

together. Calling upon the agent, Schmidt "Mr. Agent, I want you to shtop dem

dis inshurance business."
Agent (surprised)—"Why, Mr. Schmidt,
you are doing a very foolish thing. You
have paid considerable on this policy already, and if your wife should die you will yet \$5,000."

"Yaw, dat ish vat you tell me now," said Schmidt. "Ven I pays you on my shtable you say I get nine hundred tollar if it burnt down. So it was burnt, and worthy not only of its historic renown, but also of these States, whose commissions wort anythings. I am not state to the second states are supported by the second states and the second states are stated as a second state of these states, whose commissions wort anythings. but also of these States, whose commissions you hold. I am now ready to take the oath of office required by law.

wort anydings: I make you a prick shtable, and you not pay me mine nine hundred tollar. Ven mine frow dies, den you says to me: 'O, she vash an old Dutch woman; she not wort anydings; I get you a new Anglish wife! And so I lose mine

# FACTS AND FIGURES.

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usiness." Exit Schmidt.

San Francisco thinks of having a

World's Fair 'in 1870. A NEWARK (N. J.) machinist has in-A NEWPORT (R. I.) firm made \$150,000 KIOYTE BAKIN has written 106 Japanese It has taken him thirty-eight ovels.

years. THE Free churches of England raise bout £3,000,000 per annum for religious

purposes. Sixon 1799 three hundred and eightyeight Protestant Missionaries have gone out to China.

PRUSSIA expended \$113,123,035 in the war of 1866, of which half a million were for secret service.

In 1867 the mints of Paris, Strasbourg and Bordeaux coined 113,000,000 francs in gold and silver.

A PROVIDENT Texan considerately saved \$25,000, and then inconsiderately died without telling where it was deposited. SUSAN MEDICERRY is the name of a Connecticut prodigy four years old, who securately plays hundreds of pieces on

the piano. REV. SIMEON PARMLEE, D. D., of Westford, Vt., has preached 10,000 sermons, and attended about 1,000 funerals. A NEW HAMPSHIRE Baptist pastor,

Lowell by name, has—strange to relate— accepted a "call" at a less salary man his present one. THERE are 55 Protestant Churches in Turkey, besides 75 other places of wor-ship, with an average attendance of ship, 9,000.

Two Houston (Texas) editors, one day lately, shot at and missed each other, but killed a small boy who was standing near. THE Seventh-day Raptists have seven-ty-five churches in the United States. Of hese the oldest is that in Newport, founded in 1671.

Ir is said that the commissions and permisites of one real estate agency in New York have amounted to \$100,000 since

GENERAL KLAPKA, the great Hungarian not with slow and measured steps, but General, is living at Nice on a small penwith a rapidity that within a few years sion, which the Prussian Government is paying to him. THE Church of England holds in fee

simple the right to property worth \$140,-000,000 in gold, the annual income of DR. GRIER, SR, and Dr. Grier, Jr., the Presbyterian church at Brandywine, Pa, have occupied the pastorate of the church for a combined period of eighty

building of about 4,200 miles of railroad and the greater part of this distance has been constructed and is in ope-MME. Rossini has decided that her husband's remains shall not be transferred to

Over the maestro's grave the widow will erect an humble tombstone. THE average earnings of the boys who sweep the crossings of the London streets are from two to four shillings a day, but on some holidays they earn very much

Italy, nor will she herself leave France

a population of 438,000, with 5 colleges, 36 female seminaries, 26 select schools, 115 parochial schools, 9 asylums, 348 churches, and 352 priests. LYDIA R. BAILEY, who carried on a

pri ting business in Philadelphia from the time of her husband's death, in 1808, until 1861, during which time she was for many years city printer, died recently in the 91st year of her age. NEARLY all the velocipede makers have agreed to pay \$10 on each machine to Cal-vin Witty, owner of the Lalleman pat-ents. Two new patents for the Hanlon

A Permanuse, Va., paper, alluding to the recent death of the three-year of: plan-ist of that city, says: "The head of this little musical prodigy, according to medi-cal prediction, burst open after its death, caused by a severe enlargement of the brain." THE number of patients in the Bing-hamton (N. Y.) Asylum for Inebriates, since May, 1867, has been 310. Of these, 147 were periodical drinkers, 160 constant ones; 146 were married, and 164 were

single. The number known to have re-formed after the first trial was 113; after

the second trial, 11; after the third, 4. Of

25 there is no hope. Owing to distance, or other causes, 68 have not been heard An old beggar in Montgomery, Ala., was arrested and searched. A bag was found on his person containing \$200 in silver, a roll of greenbacks amounting to \$50, \$50 in gold wrapped up in a newspa-paper, a belt around his waist containing over \$1,000 in currency, and sever-1 hundred dollars in his shoes. The Mayor

## gave him twenty-four hours to get out of A Persecuted Printer.

J. B. BROWN tells this story in Pack-

that it may be by the ratification of the isth article of amendment to the Constitution.

In conclusion, I ask patient forbearance, one towards another, throughout the land, and a determined effort on the part of every citizen to do his share towards cementing a happy Union, and I ask the prayers of the nation to Almighty God in behalf of this consummation.

Vice President Colfax's Address.

The following is Vice President Colfax's address on assuming the chair as President of the Senate:

Senators: In entering upon the duties in this Chamber, to the performance of which I have been called by the people of the United States, I realize fully the delicucy, as well as the responsibility, of the polition of presiding over a body whose members are in so large a degree my seniors in age. Not chosen by the body itself, I shall certainly need the assistance of your support and your generous for-

insurance on mine frow. I not pay any more monish dat way; I not undershtand